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Day of Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, May 28, 2023
8:30 AM

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

ENTRANCE HYMN *Sweet Sweet Spirit* Words & Music by Doris Akers

VERSE

F F/A B \flat F/A Dm C F F 9 /E \flat D 7 D 7 /F \sharp

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
 2. There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you
 3. If you say He saved you from your sin; Now you're

5 Gm F/A B \flat 6 F/C C 7 F B \flat /F F F/C C 7

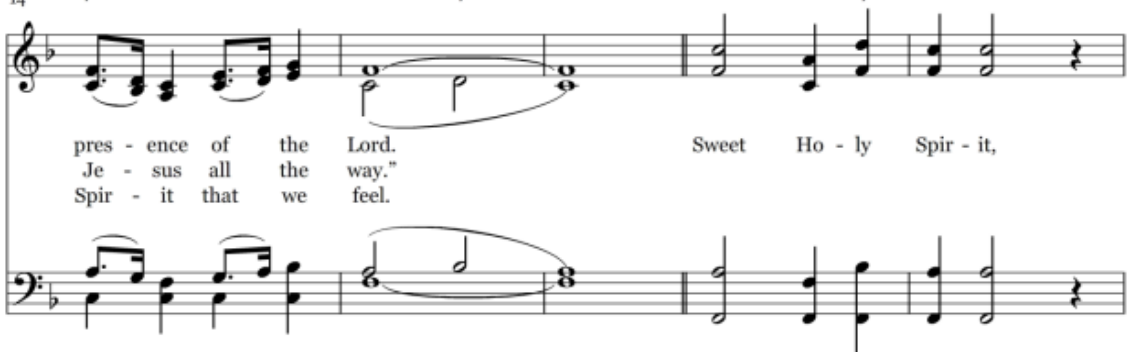
know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. There are
 know Him in His full - ness and be - lieve. You're the
 weak, you're bound and can - not en - ter in. You can

9 F F/A B \flat F/A Dm C F F 9 /E \flat D 7 D 7 /F \sharp Gm F/A B \flat 6

sweet ex - pres-sions on each face, and I know they feel the
 one to - prof - it when you say, "I am going to walk with
 make it right if you will yield; You'll en - joy the Ho - ly

CHORUS

14 F/C C⁷ F B \flat /F F F B \flat /F F



pres - ence of the Lord. Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Je - sus all the way." Spir - it that we feel.

19 B \flat /F F A⁷/E Dm G⁷



sweet heav-en - ly Dove, stay right here with us, fill - ing us with Your

24 C⁷ F B \flat /F F F/C F A⁷/E Dm B \flat G/B



love. And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in praise. With-out a

29 F/C C \sharp° Dm Dm/C B \flat G/B F/C C \sharp° Dm Gm



doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when

31 F/C F⁶/C B^b/C C⁷ F

we shall leave this place.

The image shows a musical score for a phrase. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'we shall leave this place.' are written below the treble staff. Above the treble staff, the chords are indicated as F/C, F⁶/C, B^b/C, C⁷, and F. The melody starts on a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The final note is a half note G4, which is tied to the next measure. The bass line consists of quarter notes G2, F2, E2, and D2, followed by a half note G2 tied to the next measure. The piece ends with a double bar line.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA

The following is said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the

parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Remain seated.

²⁵ O Holy One, how manifold are your works; *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁶ Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

²⁷ There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

²⁸ All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

²⁹ You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

³⁰ You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

³¹ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³² May the glory of God endure for ever; *
may the Holy One rejoice in all creation.

³³ God looks at the earth and it trembles; *
God touches the mountains and they smoke.

³⁴ I will sing to God as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁵ May these words of mine find favor; *
I will rejoice in the Holy One.

³⁷ Bless the Holy One, O my soul. *
Alleluia!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one

Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

Words & Music by Daniel Iverson

♩=80

CHORUS

F B \flat 6 D/A Gm F/C C 7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

5 B \flat 6 D/A Gm F/C B \flat /C C 7 F B \flat

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me,

10 F G 7 /F C/E Dm 7 C 7

mold me, fill me, use me.

13 F B \flat 6 D/A Gm F/C B \flat /C C 7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Reverend Benedict Varnum

THE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray especially for: John & Recia, Jim & Judy, Hayden, Amy, JoEy, Sadie, Joey, Evelyn, Bob & Ellen, Eric, Leslie, Irene, Christie, Barbara, Jean & Keith, Marge, Christian, Bruce & family, Joe, Rick, Sara, Lorraine, Sally, Jami, Susie, Tad, Cindy, Ben, Meredith, Norma, Mary, Ann, Bill & Laura,

Bud & Marissa, Jeanette & her family, Carolyn. and Massouda & her family. Are there any others who need our prayers?

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *AMEN*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Leslie Lewis, Kate Kielion, Pat Grothendick, Seth Styskal, Jane Werner, and Sandra Squires

Anniversaries: Jill & Matt McClure, and Tristan & Joel Manasek

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge God's Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:15, 16

OFFERTORY HYMN

It Is Well With My Soul

Words by Horatio Gates Spafford; Music by Phillip Paul Bliss

♩ = 96

VERSE

C C/G G Dm⁷ G C

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, let
 3. My sin - O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't - my
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the

5 Am C/D D⁷ G^{SUS} G C

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol; That Christ hath re -
 sin - not in part, but the whole; Is nailed to the
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall re -

10 F D G G/F C/E F C/G G

lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my
 -gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed His own blood for my
 cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my
 -sound and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven SO" - it is well with my

CHORUS

15 C C G

soul."
soul.
soul!
soul.

It is well It is well with my soul, with my

20 C F C/G G C

soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The musical score is written in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system covers the first two lines of music, and the second system covers the next two lines. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and" on the first line, "might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord," on the second line. The music features a variety of note values, including quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests, with some notes beamed together. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with mostly quarter and eighth notes.

God of power and might, heaven and earth are

full, full of your glory. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with some phrases held over from one measure to the next.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*



THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.
[Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN *Breathe On Me*

Words by Edwin Hatch & B.B. McKinney; Music by Edwin Hatch

VERSE

C C° C F/C Fm/C Em/G G⁷ C C° C F/C C/E

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, Un - til my heart is
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, My stub - born will sub -
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, Fill me with powr di -
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, Till I am all Thine

4 G C C° C G⁷/D C/E F F#°

clean; Let sun - shine fill its in - most part, With
 -due; Teach me in words of liv - ing flame What
 -vine; Kin - dle a flame of love and zeal With -
 own, Un - til my will is lost in Thine, To

7 C/G Em/G G⁷ C CHORUS C C^{2sus} C

not a cloud be - tween. Breathe on me,
 Christ would have me do.
 -in this heart of mine.
 live for Thee a - lone.

10 F Fm⁶ C F C D⁷ G

breathe on me, Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me;

13 C C^{2sus} C G⁷/D C/E F

Take Thou my heart, cleanse ev - ry part,

15 F#° C/G C Am⁶ Em/G G⁷ C

Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God,
 we give you thanks
 for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth
 a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Faith Looks Up To Me

Words by Ray Palmer; Music by Lowell Mason

♩ = 96

VERSE

C G C G G/B C G

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold sul - len stream,

5 C G/D D G C

Sav - iour di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
 be Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - iour, then, in love fear and dis -

10 Am F C/E C F G C

guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from Thee a - side.
 -trust re-move, O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Cross Dedication

Sunday, May 28th at 10:00 am

Our Garden Steward, Jim Keepers, has determined that the concrete cross in our central garden berm has no current dedication, and we will be dedicating it to the memory of parish members who have served in the military this coming Sunday, over Memorial Day weekend, **between the services at 10 am**. This is a bit spontaneous this year, but we want to take up that opportunity, and in future years we will have a chance to offer a celebration around the space. If you have names of someone you would like to have remembered, you may send them on to Fr Ben, or offer them on Sunday.

Summer Office Hours

We have a busy summer ahead of us! Beginning in June, our office hours will be **9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday-Thursday**. Please email staff or call the office if you need anything or to make sure someone is available, as several events will be taking staff off-site over the next couple of months.

Special Collection for MAY

This month our special collection goes to benefit the Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn (COPE) and families in western Douglas County whose needs temporarily exceed their means. Food, clothing, and household goods, along with rent and utility assistance are just a few of the community services we support through our outreach partner.

Thank you from COPE!

Thank you to everyone who donated or bid in COPE's (Christian Outreach Program Elkhorn) first ever silent auction. Our poker basket brought \$110 and two additional baskets from St. A's brought \$30 each. The auction itself raised just over \$12,000. Thank you so much for participating.

Women's Day Luncheon – Saturday, June 3rd, 11:00am-12:30pm

Hosted by Daughters of the King, Naomi & Ruth Chapter

ALL women of St. Augustine's are invited to a special brunch for fellowship, a brief study on women of the Bible, a fabulous brunch and gift bags! Childcare will be provided. We are thrilled to honor **Amy Churchill** as our **Woman of Honor** this year. Please help us celebrate her! **If you have not received one**, please contact: Lynette Kautz at lynettekautz@gmail.com or 402-499-7618 and we'll get you one! We look forward to seeing you on June 3!

VBS Registration Now Open!

Please join us this year for Vacation Bible School (VBS)! We will have an exciting three days learning about God's Garden.

We will meet on the evenings of **Wednesday, June 21 through Friday, June 23**. Dinner begins at 5:30 PM and parents are welcome to stay and eat! Programming begins with check-in at 6:00 PM then moves into stations for crafts, snack, games and stories. We will come back together for check-out and songs before being ready for pick-up at 7:30 PM.

VBS is for youth ages 3 and up through entering 6th grade. Our Youth Group (7th through 12th grades) will assist in programming. See our weekly newsletter for information on how to register today!

Pre-Picnic Garden Clean-up Day

Our recently launched Good News Gardens Ministry invites everyone to join them **starting at 9:00 AM on Friday, June 2**, for a special work day to touch up our garden areas before our End of Year Party! All are welcome to come and participate in this transformational ministry that feeds body, mind, and spirit!

End Of Year Party

On **Sunday, June 4**, we will be having an End of Year Picnic hosted by the Parish Life Committee. The day will begin with **an all parish church service at 10:30 am**, followed by the picnic. Food will be served by the Mobile Grace Food Truck (more info about them below), we will also have a bounce house, face painting by our Youth Group, outdoor games, and maybe even a competition or two. Parish Life will be providing drinks.

If you are able to help by providing a dessert, Parish Life is asking that it be cookies or bars so any leftovers can be frozen for Summer Coffee Hour. If you would like to bring an outdoor yard game or tent for some shade, please feel free! The North Parking lot will be closed off that day for tables, bounce house & food truck! You are welcome to park on the West side lot across the street for any overflow.

For your Food truck order, we are asking for a good will offering of as much as you are able to pay. If our donations go above the cost of the meals, we will be donating any extra to the Food Truck to provide meals to the low to no income patrons that they serve.

Table Grace Ministries fosters a healthy community by offering great food prepared and served with dignity and providing opportunities for transformation both personally and spiritually through hospitality, music and fellowship. Their vision is "Nourishing hungry bodies and souls." Table Grace values hospitality, compassion, respect, transformation, creativity, dignity, community, wellness and empowerment. Table Grace lives its mission through the Café, 10 day Job Experience Program, Music Ministry in the café and throughout the community, Mobile Grace Food Truck, Catering and Fellowship. Volunteer opportunities and a 10 day-Job Experience program assist people in re-entering the workforce. A majority of the staff who carry out the operations of the food truck, café and catering

operations are people who have come up through the ranks at Table Grace, either originally entering our doors as a homeless patron, 10 day Job Experience participant or court-appointed volunteer. Table Grace serves 90% low to no income patrons at the Cafe, many volunteer for their food.

Berry Picking!

Nothing says summer like fresh picked strawberries! Join us on **Saturday, June 17 at 10:00 AM at the Bellevue Berry Farm** as we pick our own fresh strawberries and sweet peas! Bring your own bucket(s). All ages are welcome, costs vary based on the weight of fruit picked. Please note, the date of this event could change to June 12, depending on weather and when the berries ripen, so watch our newsletter and Facebook page for updates! If you are interested in carpooling, or have questions, please contact Leslie Stubbendieck or Barb Hall.

Upcoming Retreat at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, NE, June 16-17 2023

Discovering What Matters: Embracing a Life of Meaning, *June 16 – 17, retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler*, with best-selling author and Benedictine Oblate *Kathleen Norris* from Honolulu, Hawaii. How is the Bible as our collective story reflected in our daily lives? What is it about the Bible that always seems to address our present moment? Community matters for in it individualism and imperfection meet grace and acceptance. What is our part in the Body of Christ? Place Matters: In what ways is faith set within the physical space of home, church, land and people? We Matter: What does it mean to remain in God's image and to counter our selfishness by embracing the world and its needs? Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

Nebraska Episcopal Cursillo #27

June 22-25 at Immaculata Monastery, Norfolk

Cursillo is a ministry of the Episcopal Church. The weekend is intended to renew and deepen Christian commitment. Erin Rhian of Omaha's St. Augustine of Canterbury and Heather Bauer of St. Matthew's Lincoln are the Co-Rectoras (leaders) for this weekend. They have chosen the verse Titus 3:5 for the weekend's theme: "He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy". The dates are the evening of June 22 through mid-afternoon June 25, 2023 at the beautiful Immaculata monastery and spiritual center in Norfolk. You can find a flyer about the weekend [here](#) and an application [here](#). Please feel free to contact Erin at stagetechgrl@yahoo.com or Heather at greenpeacecats121@yahoo.com. If you are someone that has attended a Cursillo weekend in the past, we can also use more team members as well as prayers.

Culture Club Event at the Playhouse

Join us on **Sunday, June 25 at 2:00 PM** for "Respect" at the Omaha Community Playhouse. This is a great show featuring influential female recording artists from the 1960-1980 era of music. Learn some background information about the singers and song writers of that era. For the first time, a couple of male singers have been added to the group. It will be a great show!

If we get a group of 12 or more, ticket prices are \$30 per person. Give your checks, made out to the Omaha Community Playhouse, to Sandra Squires, by **June 4**.

Elaine Randall Book Club – June 27

The Elaine Randall Book Club selection for **June** is: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Book bags are available in the parish hall. You are welcome to join us for our discussion on **Tuesday, June 27**, at **11:30 AM** at the church. Zoom connection is also available. For questions, please contact Sandra Squires at sksquires@cox.net.

Racial Reconciliation Opportunities

One of the Mission Priorities of the Episcopal Church is Racial Reconciliation, and a group of our Sacred Ground (a TEC curriculum around reconciliation from a faith foundation) facilitators and alumnae have coordinated several opportunities for engagement in the coming weeks:

Building Bridges of Hope Conference on June 7th-8th Last year, several St A's members attended the inaugural Race, Religion, and Social Justice conference put on by Tri-Faith and University of Nebraska – Omaha. This year, the theme is Building Bridges of Hope, and guest speaker Clint Smith will be present, giving a keynote talk on Wednesday evening and offering additional workshops Thursday. Otherwise, the day is full of workshops submitted both from Nebraska and around the country (including a workshop co-led by Canon Liz Easton and a colleague of hers, who organized visits between people from different perspectives throughout the country to gather in Nebraska this past year). Information and registration can be found here: <https://www.trifaith.org/rrsj-2023/> Some scholarships are available through Tri-Faith, or you can contact Fr Ben for parish scholarship assistance. Megan Griffiths (Fr Ben's wife) is one of the lead organizers for this conference through her new position at Tri-Faith this year, and can also answer questions about the event!

***How the Word is Passed* Book Club, Tuesday, May 30th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm.** In preparation for the keynote speaker for the above conference, we will be hosting a “Brown Bag” (bring your own dinner) book club on Clint Smith's book, *How the Word is Passed*. The book considers the way

history is told through nine different locations throughout the United States, and challenges us to think deeply about all the different relationships we have with history. Anyone is welcome to attend the book club, and it is especially an opportunity for those planning to attend the RRSJ conference to prepare by reading the keynote speaker's book.

St. A Store!

You've asked for shirts to wear for outreach and other events, so the Outreach Committee has set up a pop up shop! If you are looking for shirts, hoodies, hats, totes, and more, check out the shop by visiting <https://cishirts.com/shop/stores/st-augustine-of-canterbury> . We had them give us an option of picking up at the location to avoid a shipping charge, so if you're willing to wait, choose that option! The shop will only be up and running until May 31, and if it goes well, we will open the shop on a regular basis. The Outreach Committee will discuss how to best use the money when we have an idea of how much we have raised.

Save the Date for Camp Canterbury!

Monday, July 17-Friday, July 21, 2023

Mark your calendars! Camp Canterbury is our diocesan summer camp for youth from 4th through 12th grade. Youth are invited to join us for outdoor activities, swimming, sports, crafts, games, worship, program and more! Our theme this year will be: *God Saw It Was Good*. Our 2023 Co-Directors are **Fr. Tony Anderson** and **Fr. Ben Varnum**. The fee for camp is \$275 per camper, scholarships are available Learn more about camp, including information about financial assistance, in our weekly newsletter.

Vestry Notes – May

The Vestry met on May 21st

This meeting was a joint meeting of the parish Vestry and Committee Chairs, and offered an opportunity for everyone to hear from one another about things our committees are currently working on. We also reviewed our ongoing goals for the year of new member incorporation, leadership recruiting for ministries and teams, and reviewing Sunday morning. The next Vestry meeting will be on **Sunday, June 18th at noon** in the conference room. Vestry meetings are open to everyone in the parish, and if there are topics the vestry should address, please be in touch with Fr Ben at rector@sainta.net at least a week beforehand.

Save The Date

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30

How the Word is Passed Book Club

Saturday, June 3

Women's Day Luncheon

Sunday, June 4

**Combined Service @ 10 :30 AM
End of Year Picnic to follow**

**Wed. & Thurs.
June 7 & 8**

Building Bridges of Hope Conference

**Fri. & Sat.
June 16 & 17**

**Discovering What Matters Retreat
@ St. Benedict Center in Schuyler**

Saturday, June 17

Berry Picking @ Bellevue Berry Patch

**Wed. – Fri.
June 21 – 23**

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Sunday, June 25

**Culture Club Event “Respect”
@ Omaha Community Playhouse**

Tuesday, June 27

Elaine Randall Book Club

Ministers of the Day	This Week 5/28/2023	Next Week 6/04/2023 @ 10:30
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30am:	Sally Hodges Canterbury Choir	Canterbury Choir
Celebrant:	Rev. Ben Varnum	Rev. Ben Varnum
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Pam Wright	Jim Lewis
Acolytes 10:30am:	Cole Fogarty Luciana Kielion Teo Gallegos	N/A
10:30 am Greeter:	Leslie Lewis	Lynette Kautz
8:30 am Lector:	Kathy Lake	Bill Smith
10:30 am Lector:	Pam Wright	
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Kathy Lake	Carol Ott
Altar Guild 10:30 am:	Kathy Pospichal	
A/V Tech 8:30 am	Barb Hall	Jay Hammond
A/V Techs 10:30 am	Alice Threlkeld Joe Threlkeld	John Frazier